



This week please remember the following people in prayer Reynolds Roth, Norman & Ermadine Boshart.

Pray for those dealing with cancer:

Gary Garton (April Eichelberger's father), Perry Rich (Vernon & Jean Roth's grandson), Michael Stauffer (Dareld Stauffer's son), and Nicky Goehring (Mary Jo Freyenberger's sister).

Pray for those dealing with medical issues: Denise Nebel, Gerald Nebel, Royce Roth, Doris Nelson, Kathryn Nebel, and Harold Miller.

Mennonite Mission Network: Jason Boone of Mennonite Mission Network's Peace and Justice Support Network requests prayer for soldiers experiencing pain of "moral injury as a result of what they have done or seen in combat." Pray for Jesus' peace in their lives as Mennonites share from "our deep history of peacemaking."

Central Plains Mennonite: Pray for Tim Detweiler and Dave and Shana Boshart as they attend the annual gathering of Mennonite Church USA conference ministers in Orlando, Florida. Pray that God's Spirit would be powerfully present in this gathering.

Today we offer anointing for:

Healing –

- Physical, emotional, or spiritual brokenness and pain

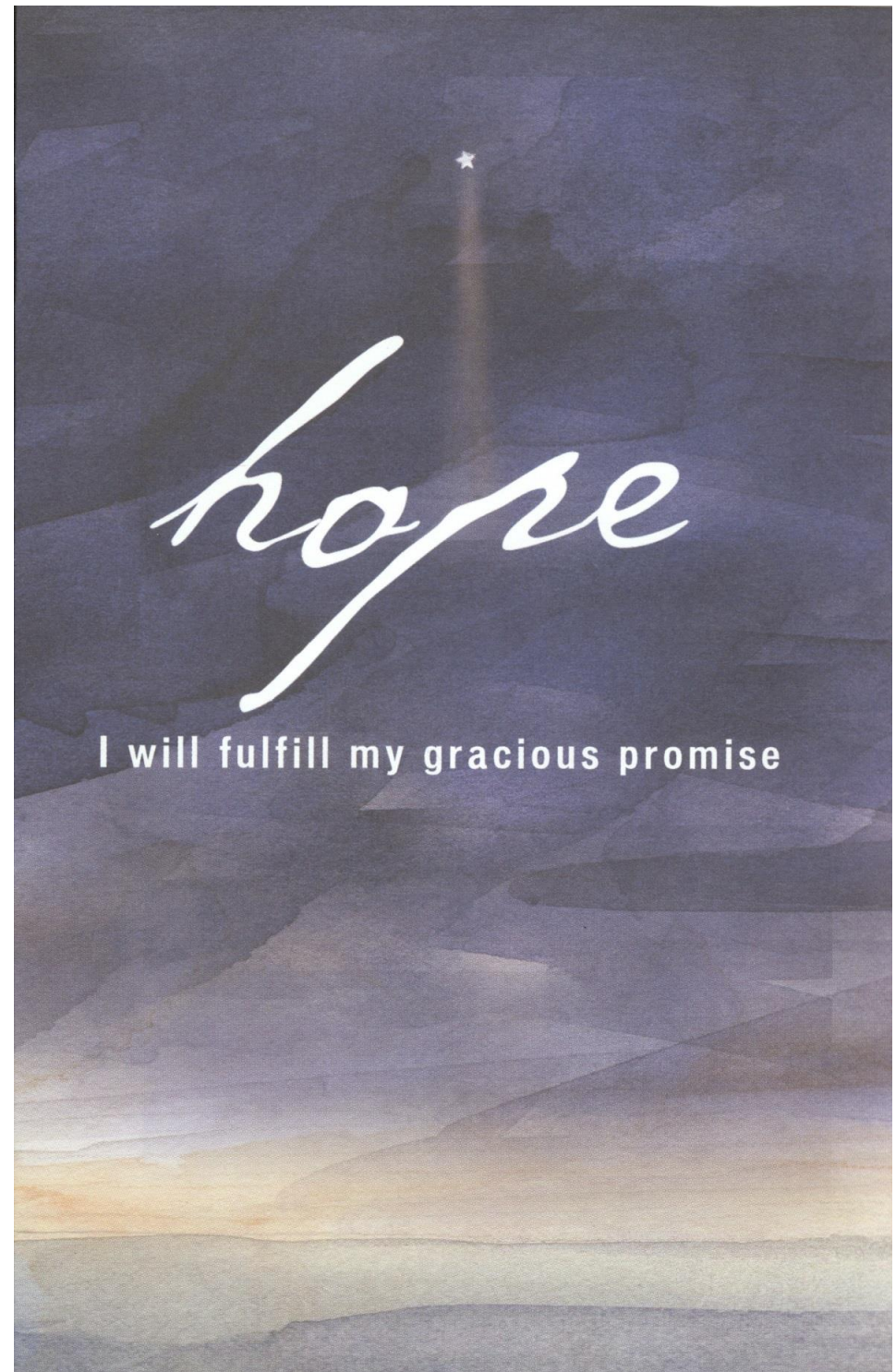
Struggling with something in your life –

- Longing to be set free from something that seems to have you trapped
- Dealing with a difficult decision
- Dealing with relationships in your life that are causing you pain
- Difficult situation that you don't know how to deal with

Looking forward to something new in your life –

- New opportunity or relationship that you are excited about
- You feel God is calling you to try something and you need God's strength and wisdom for the task.

If you would like to be anointed, please go forward after the service.



November 29, 2015

*We welcome all to this place
for worship of God and for Christian fellowship.
Let us worship God in spirit and truth,
reaching out to one another in Christ's love.*

8:45 a.m.: Prayer in the Prayer Room
9:15 a.m.: Sunday School
10:15 a.m.: Fellowship Time
10:35 a.m.: Worship

Worship Leader: Randy & Jan Shelman
Song Leader: Kathy Roth
Piano/Organ: Kathy Yoder



Gathering

SJ109 There is more love somewhere
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer
Lighting of Advent Candle- Makenzie Shelman

Praising

WB172 O come, O come, Immanuel
WB178 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
Offering: Conference (12/6 Parkview)
Sharing & Prayers

Hear the Word

Come and See Children's Story
Scripture Reading: Psalm 25:1-10 & (pg. 390 in OT of pew Bible)
Jeremiah 33:14-16 (pg. 592 in OT of pew Bible)
Message: Nathan Luitjens "Freedom Bound: The Path of Justice"

Responding

Communion
WB463 Let the mortal flesh keep silence

We Are Sent

Benediction
Oh come all ye faithful

Dan Fisher and his elves will be making cheesecakes once again for the Christmas season. The following flavors will be offered: white chocolate lemon, turtle and chocolate ganache. The cost is \$35 each (\$15 for ingredients and \$20 for donation). Pickup will be on Saturday, December 12 or Saturday, December 19 from 9-11 a.m. at Kalona Mennonite Church. The proceeds will go to Kalona Mennonite's International Student Aid Fund. Our current project is assisting Rudi Mucaj from Albania attend Goshen College. To place your order please contact Wanda Miller Beachy at 319-683-3983 or email at beachydw@sharontc.net. The deadline to order is December 6. Thank you!

Ten Thousand Villages, Iowa City has two holiday pop-up stores through December to help artisans in developing countries earn a fair wage, be treated with dignity and respect, and be able to live a life of quality. You're invited to join in this vision.

- **112 E Washington St., Iowa City** Mon-Fri 11-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 12-4
- **720 14th St., Kalona** (Schlabaugh and Sons Woodworking) Mon-Fri 9-5, Sat 10-3

For more information or to volunteer in the pop-up store, contact (and follow) at:

iowacity@tenthousandvillages.com

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IOWA MENNONITE SCHOOL

The IMS chapter of National Honor Society is hosting a food drive to benefit area food pantries. We have set a goal to collect 1,000 food items for the holiday season. Please help us reach our goal by bringing your non-perishable food items to IMS (or to an IMS home basketball game) any time between now and Friday, Dec. 4. NHS students will gather and sort the items and deliver them to the Wellman and Kalona food pantries on Dec. 5. Thank you for helping your community in this very special way. *For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink... Matthew 25:35-36.*

Iowa Mennonite School's Music Department will present the annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 2:30 pm in the school's *Celebration Hall*. The concert will include the vocal department as well as the Symphonic Band. All are under the direction of Josh Tyson; a free-will offering will benefit the Music Boosters.

A **Prospective Student Christmas Party** is taking place at IMS on Sunday, Dec. 13 following the annual Christmas Concert. Students in 6th-8th grade -- and any interested in transferring -- are invited to enjoy cookies and games with our student government leaders. It will last approximately an hour; families are also invited to participate. For more information, contact the school.

54th Annual Mennonite Choir Festival They are looking for a designated contact person from our church to help with hosting a choir. Please let Katie know if you would be willing to be the Sugar Creek contact person.

Sermon Notes & Prayer Requests



SUGAR CREEK NEWS

Baskets for donations to the Elders' Sharing Fund are by the doors of the Sanctuary. The Elders' Sharing Fund is used at the discretion of the Elders to take care of special needs of individuals and families in the congregation.

MYF has volunteered to have the service of Valet Parking for the Sugar Creek church on days when the conditions are snowy, icy, or below 0. The MYF will be available at 8:45 AM on those Sundays.

Thank you to all who participated in Operation Christmas Child. The Primary and Jr. Departments along with our church family sent 74 boxes to needy families around the world. THANK YOU for supporting this project.

It's time to sign up for Spring Electives! This spring Christian Education will be offering 2 elective classes: *The Heart of Christianity* taught by Matt Slagel and *Sacred Pauses: Spiritual Practices for Personal Renewal* taught by Jen Slagel and Rachelle Luitjens. For those who do not want to participate in an elective The Builder will also be available for Sunday school classes. Sign up is available in the foyer for **There are quite a few dishes in the entryway** by the kitchen. Would you check to see if any of them are yours? Thanks.

TODAY

Today, Sunday, November 29

- No Promiseland/Xplore

This Week

Wednesday, December 2

- **Mennonite Women Project:** Bring 3 dozen cookies for Christmas plates. Lunch: Soup will be provided.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, December 7

- **2-7 p.m.** Sugar Creek Blood Drive

Sunday, December 13

- **10:30 a.m.** Jr Department Christmas Program
- **10:30 a.m.** Primary Department will sing as part of the Christmas Program

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: 126

Offering: Home Missions \$5,573; Missions \$500; Conference \$1,000; Education \$500; Iowa City Hispanic Church \$100

Sugar Creek MYF News

Today, 11/29: Off

Sunday, 12/6: Bible Study 6 PM in the MYF Room, Hunter in charge of snacks and devotions.

Sunday, 12/13: Shop for Family Meet at church at 4:30 PM

JR Department Dress Rehearsal will be on Sunday, December 6th, at 4:30 p.m.

JR Department will be going to Parkview on Sunday, December 13th before the morning worship service. Please meet at Parkview Home at 8:50. Teachers will bring kids back to the church.

Primary Department will be singing as part of the Christmas Program on Sunday, December 13th.

The Turkey Grill Committee is distributing \$12,675 of proceeds following the 2015 Old Threshers Reunion. There were a total of 166 shifts worked; making each shift worked netting \$76 to be donated. The following amounts were distributed:

Missions -- \$859

CCCC -- \$1504

Home Missions -- \$2900

MYF -- \$5049

Parkview -- \$1611

Student Aid Fund -- \$752

A big thank you goes out to all who worked and contributed despite all the heat this year. This 5 day project isn't possible without many willing volunteers.

Sugar Creek Families! Advent is the perfect time to model faith at home with your kids. Download the FREE Advent Family Devotions. Find prayers and activities to use from November 29 through January 9 at <http://tiny.cc/adventathome>. An early childhood supplement makes these useful even for families with preschoolers.

For anyone who would like to write and encourage Tommy Morris, his address is: Thomas Morris #6713563 N.C.F., 307 S. 60th Ave West, PO Box 218, Newton, IA 50208.

First Annual Christmas Tree Walk at Bethel Mennonite Church. Wednesday, December 9, 6:00-8:30 pm. This is a come and go event. A donated canned good will get you into this event.

180 Ministries along with our sponsors are bringing an amazing show called A Park Bench Christmas to Washington, IA. It will be Saturday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 pm at 180 Teen Center. A Park Bench Christmas is a Christmas musical, filled with comedy, moved by energetic and heartfelt music and you will be truly blessed by the presentation. The story focuses of the main character, Deacon Clement T. Jones, as he encounters folks during his visit to the central square park on Christmas Eve. Audiences will be encouraged to grow closer to God as they see His love and purpose revealed through a story so often taken for granted, the story of Christ's birth. The cast and crew are traveling from all parts of Iowa and present this show annually across Iowa.

We are including a delicious dessert with the show for a suggested donation of \$10 per ticket, children under 12 are free. (This is a family-friendly show) Tickets are available at the teen center, the Washington Chamber of Commerce, The Word Shoppe in Mt. Pleasant or by calling [319-653-4700](tel:319-653-4700). All proceeds will be used to fund the Christmas giving and party for the teen center students and their families.

Get your tickets now, you will not want to miss this exciting evening. I have attached the pdf poster with all the information. May you be richly blessed this holiday season.

Mennonite Central Committee Central States is accepting applications for a Director of Programs. The Director of Programs will be responsible for the direction and oversight of all of MCC Central States Programs. This position is expected to connect with constituent churches and groups, as well as like-minded organizations to provide information about MCC. This position is open within the Central States Region. Find more details at serve.mcc.org (look for Director of Programs -CS) or email Heidi Huber, Human Resources Coordinator, at heidihuber@mcc.org.

High school seniors: Don't miss out on receiving one of our top scholarships! A Goshen College achievement scholarship could save you and your family tens of thousands of dollars on a nationally-ranked Anabaptist-Mennonite education. Dec. 15 is the priority application deadline for eligibility. Apply now at: goshen.edu/dec15